

SECRETMEMORANDUM

26 August 1949

TO : ADSO

FROM : Chief, FBR

SUBJECT : Request for Authorization for Language Lessons

REFERENCE: EXO Memorandum dated 27 April 1949

1. Because of the extremely limited circle of English-speaking natives with whom an operative in northern [REDACTED] will come into contact, a thorough knowledge of one of the country's indigenous languages is vitally necessary to the successful conduct of intelligence operations. This is particularly true among the tribal peoples who must figure prominently in important operational activity. In [REDACTED] one is always considered a "foreigner" unless he speaks the native language. 25X1A6a

2. Since language proficiency is imperative to success, both operationally and security-wise, it is requested that approval be granted for the following men to take [REDACTED] which will cost not over \$250 per man per year: 25X1A6a

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3. It is the firm belief of this branch that such lessons will be of direct benefit to the U. S. Government.

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